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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Subject:

Command Post Exercise "BARN DOOR"

- l. This memorandum is to give you additional details on the exercise which was referred to in JCS message 960346. During the period 8 10 June 1959, the Joint Chiefs of Staff will conduct a Command Post Exercise (CPX) unclassified nickname "BARN DOOR". This exercise will be keyed to NORAD Air Defense Exercise "DESK TOP II". CPX "BARN DOOR" will be initiated in reaction to selected intelligence and operational test messages incident to Exercise "DESK TOP II."
- 2. CPX "BARN DOOR" is being conducted to provide the Office of the President with data as to the time which elapses from the origin of a significant operational or intelligence indication until an appropriate message is received in the White House. In order to lend reality, it is desired to exercise the "Critic" Communication System (CRITICOM) in this connection. For this purpose, 15 to 18 test messages with no simulated texts, plus approximately six simulated intelligence messages, will be prepositioned with military units in the field for transmission through "Critic" or command communication channels at scheduled times. These messages will be flagged with the "BARN DOOR" nickname as well as being marked when appropriate with the critical intelligence designator.
- 3. In view of the fact that the President has expressed himself as personally desirous of receiving these messages, it is requested in accord with General Goodpaster's instructions, that "BARN DOOR" "Critic" messages be delivered to the White House regardless of content merit.
- 4. It is requested that a log be maintained on each "BARN DOOR" "Critic" showing the time each message was received and the time of delivery to the President. This information will be useful in making a summary report on "BARN DOOR" as has been directed by the White House.

ROBERT A. BREITWEISER
Major General, USAF
Director for Intelligence

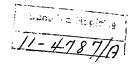
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Major General Robert A. Breitweiser, USAF

Director for Intelligence, Joint Staff

Joint Chiefs of Staff Department of Defense

SUBJECT

: Command Post Exercise "Barn Door"

This is to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum of 1 June 1959 concerning Command Post Exercise "Barn Dowr". We have made the necessary arrangements to transmit the Exercise CRITIC messages to the White House and will keep a detailed log of these messages. I understand that members of our respective staffs are working together on this matter.

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FROM JCS

This message in five parts.

PART 1. During the period 8-10 June 1959 the JCS will conduct a command post exercise, unclassified name BARN DOOR CPX BARN DOOR will be conducted concurrently with, but not as part of NORAD exercise DESK TOP II (NORAD Operations Plan 2-59). Addressees will not participate in BARN DOOR except as noted below.

PART II. For USCINCEUR and CINCPAC only. JCS will transmit to you a limited number of exercise messages with instructions for positioning with field units of your command, together with instructions regarding desired time and method of transmission.

PART III. For CINCONAD and CINCSAC only. Participation of NORAD/CONAD and SAC headquarters will be as specified by JCS Operations Plan "CPX BARN DOOR", now in distribution. In accordance with prelimainary planning, CINCONAD will preposition 15-18 emergnecy precedence test messages at units in the DEW system for transmission during the 48 hours immediately preceding the commencement of the commencement of the comment by CIA has

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PART IV. Letters follow for MSA and CIA only.

PART V. For all addresses. All exercise messages will be identified immediately preceding the text by insertion of the words "BARN DOOR" and the phrase "This is an Exercise "Message" and when appropriate, "CRITIC Termination codeword (Secret) is "MEANDER."

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